GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:383
ANSWERED ON:16.07.2002
FACILITIES TO AMARNATH PILGRIMS
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sought information from Government Jammu & Kashmir regarding the pilgrims likely to visit the Holy Shrine of Amarnath this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the facilities that have been extended to the pilgrims;

(c) whether any plan has been made, based on disaster management to meet any untoward situation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. As informed by the State Government of J&K, around 4200 pilgrims would trek to the holy Amarnath Cave per day, i.e., 2700 pilgrims from traditional route Pahalgam and 1500 pilgrims from Baltal from 22.7.2002 to 22.8.2002. As on 11th July, 2002 87,170 Yatris have been registered at various registration centres. The State Government has made arrangements for providing facilities of Medical, Sanitation, Telecommunication, Electricity, Improvement of Track, Security, Firewood, accommodation at transit camps, drinking water and has granted permission for installation of free langers by NGOs.

(c)&(d): As informed by the Government of J&K, a Disaster management plan has been framed to meet any eventuality due to militant attack, bad weather, land slide etc.